



STATE *of* NEBRASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LINCOLN

**Executive Order**

**No. 05-03**

**Use of Ethanol in State Vehicles  
and Use of Biodiesel in Diesel Powered Vehicles**

Whereas, Nebraska is one of the leading producers of corn and soybeans in the United States — agricultural commodities used in the production of renewable fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel;

Whereas, numerous economic development and environmental benefits result from the use of renewable fuels, including but not limited to strengthening our agricultural sector by increasing the demand for corn and soybeans, improving net farm income, improving our rural economies, creating new renewable fuels, industry-related jobs, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, improving our energy security, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas, in 1980, the State of Nebraska was the first state in the nation to require the use of a 10 percent ethanol blend in state vehicles and today maintains a large state fleet of E85 flexible fuel vehicles;

Whereas, it is appropriate that State government assume a leadership role in promoting renewable fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel, and the efficient use of energy and natural resources to the benefit of the State's residents and in the interest of the environment, economy, and future generations of Nebraskans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nebraska, hereby order the following:

1. The Nebraska Transportation Services Bureau and the Nebraska Department of Roads are directed to immediately take all reasonable actions necessary to investigate ways in which to strengthen the infrastructure for increasing the availability of E85 and B2 for the State's flexible-fuel fleet and to allow for the procurement of 2 percent blends of biodiesel (B2) fuel for the State's diesel-powered vehicle fleet.

2. All State employees utilizing the State's fleet of vehicles shall use E85 and 2 percent blends of biodiesel (B2) fuel when operating flexible-fuel vehicles and diesel-powered vehicles, whenever practical, in the course of their state employment. For the purpose of this executive order, the term "whenever practical" refers to the reasonableness of obtaining E85 or B2.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 20th day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Five.



*Dave Heineman*

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Governor

Attest:

*John A. Gale*

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Secretary of State